

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. These sheets, which include Fig. 1 - 3, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1-3. In Figs. 1 and 2, previously omitted element 141 has been added. Fig. 3 is unchanged.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (2)

REMARKS

The Official Action of February 22, 2005, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application are now claims 1-11, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

Claims 1-11 remain in the application for consideration.

Applicant has enclosed herewith amended Figs. 1 and 2, identifying the upper portion 141 of the crown portion 14, and has amended the specification to include upper portion 141. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lu, claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lundberg, claims 1-3 and 6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Beach, and claims 4, 5, 7, 10 and 11 as being unpatentable over Beach. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections especially as applied to the claims as amended.

The claimed invention is especially designed for a large wood club head having a thin crown plate, wherein a

supporting member 20 is engaged in the club head to transfer the force created when striking a long-distance ball to the back side or bottom side of the club head. Thus, the force created is transmitted to the crown portion of a club head thereby eliminating damage to the club head. The supporting member is engaged in the club head behind the back side of the face so that it is not supported in a manner that does not affect the elasticity of the face. This arrangement is not shown in any of the cited prior art.

As indicated, the reinforced elastic supporting member 20 of the claimed invention does not engage the face 11, so that the elasticity of the face 11 is not affected. In comparison, the arcuate member 108 of Lu '311 is engaged to or touches the inner wall 106 behind the ball striking face 110 as recited in Col. 14, lines 9-10 of the specification, such that the elastic deformation of the face 11 is severely reduced.

In Lundberg '689, the truss 36 includes three base rods 42 which engage the interior side 22 of the face plate 18 as recited in Col. 3, lines 26-27 of the specification, so that the face 18 also fails to have free elastic deformation.

Beach '271 is directed to a skeletal member 52 from which a weight 54 hangs as recited in Col. 5, lines 39-43.

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This structure clearly transmits the force of a struck ball in an entirely different manner than that of the claimed invention.


The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their applications against any of applicant's claims.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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ANNOTATED DRAWING SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

